

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method of rewriting a Structure Query Language (SQL) statement in order to prevent any processing of a join between a master table and a detail table in a database, the join having a join condition, the method comprising the steps of: [[a.]] determining in the SQL statement a unique identifier to a row of the master table; [[b.]] equating the unique identifier to an identifier to related rows of the detail table using the join condition; [[c.]] producing a revised SQL statement that only refers to the detail table using the identifier to the at least one row of the detail table, wherein the revised SQL statement ~~and that~~ does not include the join; and, [[d.]] processing the revised SQL statement that only refers to the detail table, ~~does not refer to the master table~~ instead of the SQL statement that includes the join.
2. (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the unique identifier to a row of the master table is indexed.
3. (original) A method according to claim 2, wherein the unique identifier to a row of the master table is a primary key.
4. (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the identifier to at least one row of the detail table is a foreign key.
5. (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the join condition is an equality between a column of the master table and a column of the detail table.
6. (original) A computer program comprising computer program code means adapted to perform the steps of claim 1 when said program is run on a computer.
7. (original) A computer program product comprising program code means stored on a computer readable medium for performing the method of claim 1 when said program is run on a computer.